GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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FOREST LAND FOR MINING LEASES
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals to release forest land for the renewal of mining leases have been received from the Government of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The proposals to release the forest land are received and disposed off by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) under the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. As per information furnished by MOEF, 70 (seventy) number of proposals to release forest land for the renewal of mining leases have been received from the State Government of Orissa. The present status of these proposals is detailed below:-

1) Finally approved 32
2) Stage-I approval 15
3) Rejected 06
4) Returned/Withdrawn by State Government 02
5) Closed due to non-submission of information 09
6) Pending with the State Government (essential details sought) 05
7) Under Process in Ministry of Environment & Forests 01